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In re application of:

G.N. Cox III *et al.*

Application No.: 09/897,844

Filed: July 2, 2001

For: REGULATION OF ENDOGENOUS  
GENE EXPRESSION IN CELLS  
USING ZINC FINGER PROTEINS

Examiner: John S. Brusca

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is to provide a summary of a personal interview held at the USPTO on May 21, 2003 attended by inventor Casey Case, inventor's representative Sean Brennan and Examiner John Brusca. The pending claims were discussed, and Applicants discussed evidence of compliance with the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. This evidence included experimental results showing modulation of gene expression in mice and rats, as described in the Rule 132 declaration of Dr. Frank Giordano filed in the present application on November 14, 2001.

The threshold for patentability of claims to a therapeutic method was also discussed, and Applicants pointed out that the data of record (presented in Dr. Giordano's

Rule 132 declaration) supported the use of the claimed methods in several therapeutic techniques, including induction of angiogenesis and stimulation of wound healing.

Additional evidence of modulation of gene expression in rats, rabbits and plants; as well as therapeutic effects in pre-clinical model systems; is provided in the references submitted in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement.

Please address any questions to the undersigned at the address and telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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